

Wyre Piddle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council held on
30th November 2017
in the Village Hall, Wyre Piddle

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm - Meeting ended: 9.02 pm

Present: Cllrs D Naraine, M. McFarland, J. Paul.
In Attendance: Carole Hirst (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)
County Cllr L. Tucker, Lengthsman Peter Hurst,
C. Oakley, M. Oakley.

49/18 Apologies for absence – Cllr’s G. Johns, G. Smout.

50/18 Declarations of Interest for

a) the Meeting (Personal and Prejudicial) Cllr M McFarland, re
planning application on Weatheroak, Church St and Cherry Tree
Cottage

**b) Any Changes to be Notified to the Registers of Interests and
Gifts & Hospitality** -No changes to the existing information lodged with
the District Council were declared.

**51/18 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th September
2017**

The minutes had been previously circulated prior to the meeting and were
unanimously approved as a correct of the meeting and signed by Cllr D
Naraine (Chair).

52/18 Matters arising from the minutes – None

53/18 Adjournment of the meeting for the receipt of public questions
None.

54/18 Planning applications and decision notices

17/02253/HP Violet Cottage, Church St – Replacement of existing
summerhouse and erection of new garden room outbuilding- Appears to
be like for like replacement- Pending Decision– **Supported**

17/02244/HP- The Retreat, Main Rd – Implementation of planning
approval 17/01258HP for a front extension to upper ground level and
balcony overlooking river to rear of riverside dwelling without compliance
with condition 2 to amend roof design- Decision Pending – **Supported**

W/16/02736/RM Land adjacent Meadow View, Evesham Rd- Reserved
matters application for 2 live/work units with new access (Outline
approval reference W/15/01798/OU) Application refused at appeal as
design not considered to comply with SWDP policy regarding a 60/40 split
between work and living space. **Refused**

17/00881/RM Peace Avon, Main Rd, Reserved matters application for
access appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline
planning permission W/15/02041/OU for demolition of an existing
bungalow to form 3 new dwellings. **Approved.**

17/01874/FUL Plot 5 Keytec East Business Park – Varden Rd, Pershore – Proposed building consisting of warehouse and offices – **Approved.** Approved by Planning Committee with no condition controlling noise despite a request from Parish Council. This was raised at Planning Committee by Cllr Tucker who received an unsatisfactory response from the Case Officer. Despite the Chairman indicating the issue of noise would be returned to, the application was approved and no further consideration of noise issues.

The Chairman thanked Carrie and Mike Oakley for presenting a planning update to the parish council and their report was approved.

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County Councillor Report.

Worcestershire C.C. (WCC) are in the process of recruiting a new CEO- Public announcement expected Monday 4th December for approval on Thursday 7th December 2017. Once this is ratified WCC will move onto all the other vacancies.

WCC are in the process of reviewing their budgets.

Cllr Tucker gave a review of the Northern Link Exhibition -Update was that it all looks as though the Northern Link will go ahead even though some details may still need to be worked out.

The roundabout needs to be the sophisticated lights latest update is that WCC is still waiting for the correct information to be received by Persimmon Homes.

Cllr Tucker requested that the parish council informs her of any problems with the new bus service as problems have been experienced elsewhere. Wychavon D.C.- Aldi Application to committee on the 14th December – It is suggested that someone speaks at the planning committee on behalf of Wyre Piddle and Pinvin P.C. It was suggested that Carrie Oakley draft a response on behalf of Wyre Piddle P.C. to be forwarded to Pinvin P.C. WDC Strategy workshop has taken place – Change of age consultation being undertaken within local schools. Schools are concerned that any changes made within the school framework could affect results in the longer term.

Cllr Tucker also reported that in December she had been called to a meeting to discuss the Eastern Bridge barriers. The barriers are frequently being damaged or destroyed and the costs to WCC for this issue are becoming very costly. Cllr Tucker has agreed to report back to the next meeting of the parish council.

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Community Events and Parish Games Update.

Piddle Post.

The final Piddle Post has been written and published. It has run for 10 years with 102 editions. Writer and Editor Carrie Oakley gave thanks to all those that had supported this in every possible way. It is hoped that this role may be picked up by one or even two volunteers in the near future. The parish council requested that it be minuted that they expressed their thanks to Carrie and her team for their tireless work on this.

Joined up Entertainment.

Since Carrie and Ali stepped down the following have been ascertained:

- a joined up team of St Anne's Church and the W.I. provided the refreshments following The Act of Remembrance;
 - a new team of younger mum's has picked up the Children's Christmas Party which is great and gives hope that they may also pick up the Easter Bonnet Parade or something similar;
 - Mike and Carrie will continue to organise Christmas Carols on the Village Green; and
 - Malcolm and the remaining team will take on the Fete in the Summer.
- So, as it stands, the annual calendar is still running.

WYCHAVON SPORT (Parish Games)

Wyre Piddle, now a medium sized Parish with 501 to 999 on the Electoral Roll, entered teams into all 15 events and accrued 133.5 points. In so doing, we came an impressive 4th out of 25 Parishes in the 2017 Parish Games. Eckington who had 134 points came 3rd - Broadway came 2nd with 150.5 and winning for the third year running, Bretforton who amassed an impressive 177.5 points. In terms of points, we were also the best medium sized Parish, but that trophy was given to Hill and Moor who came 6th with a120 points. We however, were given the Award of Merit.

The Chairman asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to Carrie and Mike Oakley for all the work they have done over the years on the Piddle Post, Joined up Entertainment and Parish Games.

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Financial Matters

(a) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

November 30th 2017 Payments List

Payee	Description	Net £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Cheque Number	
N Power	Electric Bill	170.89	8.54	179.43	1212	
Collett Accountancy	Payroll Services	187.92	37.58	225.50	1213	
HMRC	PAYE & Nat Insurance- submission 5th Dec	123.60		123.60	1214	
Carole Hirst	clerk Salary - Oct 17	247.03		247.03		total
	Clerk Salary - Nov	247.03	-	247.03	1215	£494.06
	Expenses to 28 Nov 2017	168.51		168.51	1216	168.51
Devendra Naraine	Oak Barrel	30.00		30.00		Total
	Expenses (combination Padlock)	12.95		12.95		£
	Last Post Cornetist	20.00		20.00	1217	62.95
Peter Hurst	Lengthsman to end Nov 2017	244.16		244.16	1218	

TOTALS

1,281.20	46.12	1,318.78
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57/18 - B**(b) Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th November 2017**

Opening Cash balance at 01/4/17 51,314.83

Add Receipts 2017/18 15,593.72
 Add Interest on Deposit 2017/18 37.25
 less Payments 2017/18 (11,977.40)

Cash held at WPPC 30/11/17 54,968.40

**W.P. Playground Account with TSB
 £5000 Income from current account
 £10,000 Income from the Big Lottery
 Fund**

Exp. To date £312.00

£14,688.00

57/18-C A revised budget for 2017/18 was prepared by the Clerk and RFO and presented to the parish council for approval alongside a budget for 2018/19 to enable the precept to be determined by the parish council. The precept was set at £13,362 for 2018/19 which will be forwarded to Wychavon District Council.

Cllr D. Naraine proposed that the revised budget for 2017/18 and the 2018/19 budget and precept be accepted – Cllr J. Paul seconded that recommendation.

57/18-D The Clerk and RFO reported that the parish council had been successful in obtaining £1600 in funding from the Transparency Code Fund to support the development of a parish council website/training etc. Work will commence asap. The parish council thanked the Clerk for securing this funding on their behalf.

The Chairman approved the finance report and the report was proposed by Cllr J. Paul and Seconded by Cllr D. Naraine.

58/18 Lengthsman Update.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TASK</u>
Smith Meadow	Tree cutting fallen branches/ check others
Mai Roundabout	cut verges and mow
Lower Moor Bridge	cut verges and mow lower moor to bridge
Main Entrance to	cut strim and mow verges around

bridge roundabout to bridge
Smith Meadow strim ditches and entrance to river bank

The Lengthsman delivered the update above: The Chairman D. Naraine accepted the report and thanked the Lengthsman for attending the meeting.

59/18 Poplar Play Area refurbishment – The parish council have now finalized funding. Work on site will commence in January 2018 once the weather improves.

**60/18 Councillor Reports
Cllr John Paul discussed the Smith’s Meadow Refurbishment Project and the £5000 NHB grant from the Localism Panel for a landing stage and replacement benches.**

61/18 following the transfer of files from previous Clerk and RFO David Taverner to Carole Hirst the current Clerk and RFO there are many year files missing going back to 2001. We are missing 2003/4; 2004/5; 2006/7; 2009/10; 2010/11; 2011/12; and 2014/15

The parish council does have electronic accounts going back to 2005/6 and electronic minutes going back to 2005/6 but no external audit reports or insurance details or signed approved minutes or year files for the above.

The parish council requested for this to be recorded on file.

62/18 Correspondence

a) Warning over Council Tax cold calling- Wychavon District Council – **The parish council had recorded this in the Piddle Post**

b) Blue Badges inspected – Wychavon District Council – **For Information**

c) Free Parking for Christmas Events - Wychavon District Council- **For Information**

d) several matters of concern from local parishioner

- Crumpled sign at the entrance to the Village (by the Piddle Brook island, on the LH side -**replaced**

- 'best kept Village ' certificate - the sign was put on the wall by the War Memorial (can it be replaced) **The parish council resolved that the sign was in good order and would not be replaced.**

'link road' to the bypass (from the Keytec island) **Parish Council discussed this at the meeting**

Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 25th January 2018 at Wyre Piddle Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.02 pm

Approved as a true record D. Naraine.....
Chairman 25th January, 2018